

COMMISSION AFTER CASSATT

**P. R. R. GRAFT BEING LEADING UP
TO HIGHER OFFICIALS.**

**Wall Street President's Family Shown in New
Favorable Companies—Patton's Brother
Tells of His Holdings—A Congressman
Revealing Securities—Some Small Profit**

authoritatively stated that the line of inquiry which the Interstate Commerce Commission is now pursuing into the affairs of the Pennsylvania Railroad has for its purpose discovery whether President A. J. Cassatt is at the head of and is the great beneficiary of the graft and discrimination that have been shown to be in vogue in that corporation.

Admissions drawn from President Cassatt's associates and the men closest to him have shown that they own hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of stock in

Assistant William A. Patton, who owns \$307,000 of this stock, confessed that President Cassatt knew of his holdings.

Cassatt's chief clerk, Purviance, admitted owning \$38,000 of the same free wealth. It was understood that Mr. Cassatt was aware of this also.

The questions put to these two men and others were with the definite purpose of

of the Pennsylvania system. There is information in the hands of the commission that the so called Cassatt coal companies, the Berwind-White and the Keystone, are largely the property of the Cassatt family. The testimony concerning the favoritism

Graft, from the petty kind, the acceptance of one, five, ten and twenty dollar bills by an assistant trainmaster of the Pennsylvania Railroad to the acquiring of \$67,000 of coal stocks without the expenditure of money by a brother of Assistant William Cassatt will be called before the commission.

Those were the extremes of to-day's graft disclosures. But the paying by operators of \$50 or more apiece for cars, the lending of \$100 to train dispatchers, who after five years have neglected to pay even the principal or interest, were other manifestations of the system.

Much more eloquent was evidence telling of the effect of this passing of stock, money and other presents among employees and the close family ties between high officials and mine promoters; evidence which showed how independent operators or those who failed judiciously to make presents were forced to sell their mine workings to others who were in harmony with the customs or

The names Cassatt, Berwind-White and Keystone Coal and Coke Company were constantly intermixed with the revelations concerning discrimination.

Humor of the ironical kind was brought forth during the examination of John Lloyd, banker, mine promoter and member of the banking firm of J. Gardner Cassatt & Co., of which J. G. Cassatt, President Cassatt's brother, is senior partner and Mr. Lloyd is junior.

Frankly avowing that he bought large blocks of stock of mining companies in which he was interested and either sold it outright to railroad employees or held it for a term in his own name for no reason but that he considered it good business to stand in with railroad employees who had influence, Mr. Lloyd, except aside the nitrate

The genius of Mr. Lloyd was shown in his account of the profits made by the Columbia Coal Company, in which many railroad men are interested. Only 10 per-

under his financiering and the railroad's help this company paid in ten years dividends amounting to 100 per cent. upon the

in the treasury on account of payments made upon stock, or, in other words, paid 165 2-3 per cent. upon the capital stock. Upon the actual money invested it paid ten times as much, or 1656 2-3 per cent. in ten years, or at the rate of 165 2-3 per cent. profits a year.

From his testimony it was learned that he was station master for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Greensburg, Pa., and that he was bonded for the faithful performance of the duties of his position. He could not tell clearly what his duties were. He said

man who did the actual work. While confessing that he had influence in the distribution of coal cars, he admitted that at the same time he was superintendent of the Claridge Mining Company, which was constantly demanding cars.

"Have you anything to do with the dis-

Glasgow. "No, I have not," replied the witness; but he later admitted that he was responsible for the handling of the cars

"What is your connection with the Keystone Coal and Coke Company?" "I acted as superintendent."

"Now, as agent at Claridge and as superintendent of the Keystone Company, how do you proceed to get your cars for the shipment of coal?" "I ask the agent at Claridge; that is the man who actually

"Do you give the order as the agent in charge or as superintendent of the Keystone Company?" "As the superintendent of the Keystone Coal Company." "How do you know that?" asked Mr.

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